



# ACUB Fact Sheet

## Fort A.P. Hill



### Background

The mission of Fort A. P. Hill (FAPH) is to provide realistic joint and combined arms training, logistics and support, enabling America's Defense Forces to win in 21<sup>st</sup> Century battle space. With 76,000 acres of land, FAPH is one of the largest military installations on the East Coast and is the training center nearest the National Capital Region. The Installation's range and training facilities are available to units 365 days a year and are used by all Services, Reserve units, and non-DoD and civilian organizations. On average, 55,000 military personnel of all services train on FAPH annually.

For most of its history, FAPH was located in an isolated, rural area of Virginia, far from development. Caroline and Essex counties were rural, sparsely populated areas, dominated by forestland and small farms. Both counties are experiencing significant growth. Continued development of this land with incompatible activities may produce significant obstacles to future use of range and training lands at FAPH.

### Objective

The ACUB Team will formalize and implement a comprehensive ACUB program to prevent incompatible development on lands adjacent to or within close proximity to FAPH. The plan's implementation will prevent encroachment that would disrupt, limit or diminish training capabilities or flexibility as well as protect key natural habitats, ecological systems and the associated flora and fauna. FAPH's ACUB partners will acquire conservation easements from willing landowners that will prohibit incompatible development in perpetuity, while keeping the fee interest in land in private ownership and allowing for traditional land uses such as farming and forestry.

### Partners

#### **The Trust for Public Land, Chesapeake & Central Appalachians Field Office**

A national, nonprofit, land conservation organization that conserves land for people to enjoy as parks, community gardens, historic sites, rural lands, and other natural places, ensuring livable communities for generations to come. For further information, call 202-543-7552 or visit <http://www.tpl.org/>.

#### **The Nature Conservancy, The Virginia Chapter**

The Nature Conservancy endeavors to protect diverse natural communities through the purchase of land. For further information, call 434-295-6106 or visit

<http://www.nature.org/wherewework/northamerica/states/virginia/>.

#### **The Conservation Fund**

Forges partnerships to protect America's legacy of land and water resources. For further information, call 703-525-6300 or visit <http://www.conservationfund.org/>.

#### **Virginia Outdoors Foundation**

Promotes the preservation of open space lands and to encourage private gifts of money, securities, land or other property to preserve the natural, scenic, historic, open-space and recreational areas of the Commonwealth. For further information, call 804-371-2724 or visit [www.virginiaoutdoorsfoundation.org](http://www.virginiaoutdoorsfoundation.org).

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